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Stock of Cattle and other personall Estate there (although don without any legall authority, or warrant from vs) and seeming much to wonder that wee should expect to recover any of them wee have much more reason Certainly to wonder that any reasonable men should thinke fitt, That wee should be less Master of our owne then the meanest Planter there for Certainly not any one who subscribed that letter, but would thinke it a great wrong don vnto him, if an Attorney should (vpon any pretence of authority whatsoever be made without his Consent or Warrant to dispose of his Estate, And then after it were soe disposed, would hee not thinke it a Strange request in any man to desire him also to confirme it wthout a considerable satisfaction. And yet thus are wee vsed ffor our said Brother had noe power to dispose of any of our personall Estate there without the consent of our said late Secretary John Lewgar, And whereas it is alleaged in the said letter that the said Lewger did ioyne with him in the Engagement of our said Stock of Cattle for the payment of Soldyors, it is much mistaken, for himselfe denyed it to vs here, and noe Evidence or prooffe of any such thing, ever appeared there, nor was any such thing ever pretended (before the said Letter) in the many debates there since our said brothers death concerning that buisness, as appeared by the relations and accompt sent vs, the last year by Mr Thomas Greene and others of the proceedings thereof, And this iniustice to vs was also much aggravated by the reiection of the payment of those Customes due vnto vs vpon all Tobacco exported from thence, which was settled by consent of the said Assembly, in January one thousand Six hundred fforty Six, for the better enabling vs to defend the Province at that tyme when it is pretended that our said brother did engage our Stock and personall Estate there for the payment of the said Soldyors. Soe as although our said brother had had power to dispose of our psonall Estate there, and accordingly had don it, yet Certainly it must be supposed that hee did it vpon confidence of making vp againe out of the Customes what should be disbursed out of our Estate for that purpose as in iustice hee ought to haue don, but that after his death not onely a Pretence of an illegall ingagement of his should be made vse of to despoile vs of all our personall Estate therin, But also that the said Custome which was appointed by Gennerall consent for the defraying of publick charges should also be debarrd vs, and the publick Charges notwithstanding be putt vpon vs is hardly to be believed that any People well considering what they did should thinke fitt to desire or expect that Wee should allow of it, much less presume to putt in execution soe great a Piece of Iniustice towards vs, The Assembly in their said Letter writt that they wonder wee

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